



# Howard County

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## Internal Memorandum

**Subject:** Testimony on Council Resolution No. CR111- 2008  
Resolution pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that certain real property known as the “Gateway School” comprising approximately 7.768 acres owned by Howard County, Maryland and located along NW Route 108 in Clarksville, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to sell the property; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to sell the property if he finds that it may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

**To:** Lonnie R. Robbins  
Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** James M. Irvin, Director  
Department of Public Works

**Date:** September 26, 2008

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for the preparation of testimony relative to the above referenced legislation declaring that certain real property known as the “Gateway School” comprising approximately 7.768 acres owned by Howard County, Maryland and located along NW Route 108 in Clarksville, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to sell the property; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to sell the property if he finds that it may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration. The Department’s findings are as follows:

The County owns approximately 7.768 acres of land along NW Route 108 in Clarksville known as the “Gateway School”, which is a part of the property acquired from the Board of Education by deed dated January 29, 2007 and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland in Liber 10502, Folio 234. The County originally acquired 8 acres of land from the Board of Education and later conveyed 0.232 acres to the State Highway Administration of the State of Maryland for certain improvements along Route 108.

The Gateway School property is no longer needed by the County for public purposes, therefore the County intends to enter into an agreement with a real estate consultant for the purpose of marketing and selling it. The County had appraisals prepared to estimate the current fair market value of the property. The County seeks to have the property redeveloped into a mixed-use, environmentally conscious, pedestrian-oriented project with public amenities and with guidance and input from a citizen’s advisory committee.

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Representatives of this department will be present at the public hearing to answer any questions or concerns. If you require any further information concerning this matter or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

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Attachments

cc: Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator  
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